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PREFACE.

This Book of Worship is founded on the Service Book prepared in 1844 for the use of the Church of the Disciples, in Boston. The present volume, being intended for wider use, omits all that was special to that particular body. The Psalms are rearranged; a Communion Service and Marriage Service are added; and other alterations and additions made, which, it is hoped, will increase its usefulness.

The chief difficulty has been felt in revising the Psalms. The common version, the language of which is connected with such sacred associations, is the basis of the selection. But this translation, in some places, is confessedly false, its language in others palpably antiquated or unfortunate; some altera-

tions were a matter of necessity. It cannot conduce to the edification of Christian worshippers to read, with however much solemnity, "Moab is my wash-pot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe"; — nor to declare concerning our enemy, "Happy shall he be who dasheth thy little ones against the stones." Parts must be omitted, and of the parts retained some words must be here and there altered, to give a truer meaning and juster expression. In such cases, I follow NOYES and DE WETTE; two as high authorities as I could have access to. For any correction of the sense they are alone responsible. But I have sometimes, though rarely, adopted some different, but synonymous term, which seemed to give a better flow. The principle on which I have proceeded in such cases is difficult to state, it being mostly an affair of taste, in which, after all my care, I may have erred.

I ought to say, for the encouragement of those societies who may think of adopting this form, that it was used by the Church of the Disciples for six years, with growing satisfac-

tion and interest. The experiment of trying such a service was in our case wholly successful. If any one ever wished to return to the old Congregational form, I never happened to hear of it.

If a congregation generally take part in this service; if they connect it with congregational singing; if the person who conducts the worship feels free to vary occasionally by introducing extempore prayers, suited to special occasions and experiences, — the interest of the service will be proportionally increased.

THE COMPILER.

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ORDER OF SERVICES

FOR

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER.

1. Introductory Sentences.
2. Hymn.
3. A Selection from the Psalms, or from the Prophets, or the Litanies, or the Te Deum.
4. Confession.
5. Lord's Prayer and Sentences.
6. Selections from the Scriptures.
7. Hymn.
8. Sermon (or Addresses).
9. A Pause of a Few Moments for Silent Meditation and Prayer.
10. Extempore Prayer.
11. Hymn.
12. Benediction, or Closing Ascriptions.

NOTE.

This order of services has been found convenient, and is therefore here inserted. But it is not in-

tended to be strictly adhered to, but may be varied, by the officiating minister, in the following ways.

It may be shortened, by omitting the first HYMN, or the CONFESSION, or the SENTENCES following the LORD'S PRAYER.

Instead of the PSALMS, or in addition to them, the TE DEUM, the SELECTIONS FROM THE PROPHETS, or one of the LITANIES, may be used.

An EXTEMPORE PRAYER may be introduced before the SERMON, whenever the Minister desires it.

Finally, as it is not the object of this Service-Book to establish an inflexible form, but rather to afford the means of variety in public worship, the Churches and Ministers can make any other alterations from this order which they may deem expedient.

☞ The Introductory Sentences are to be read by the Minister *alone;* the Confession and Lord's Prayer, by the Minister and Congregation *together;* the Psalms, Prophets, and Litanies, by the Minister and Congregation in *alternate* sentences.

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES

FOR

MORNING PRAYER.

(*To be read by the Minister alone.*)

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit, and they who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Jesus said, Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall

agree on earth, as touching any thing they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Likewise I say unto you, There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him; to the soul that seeketh him.

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Congregation. We lift them up unto the Lord.

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES

FOR

EVENING PRAYER.

FROM the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

Let our prayers be set forth in his sight as incense; and the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; but they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.

Rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow

myself before the High God? He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God?

If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there remember that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift upon the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; following peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

And be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

O, come, let us worship and bow down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Min. Lift up your hearts.

Cong. We lift them up unto the Lord.

GENERAL CONFESSION.

(*By the Minister and Congregation together.*)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us;

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I will arise and go to my Father, and say unto him, Father, I have sinned

Against Heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

For the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do.

God be merciful to me a sinner.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

Speak the word only, and thy servant shall be healed.

LORD'S PRAYER.

(*By the Minister and Congregation together.*)

Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Min. O Lord, open thou our eyes.

Con. That we may behold wonderful things out of thy law.

Min. O Lord, open thou our lips.

Con. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Min. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Con. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Min. Praise ye the Lord.

Con. The Lord's name be praised.

CLOSING ASCRIPTIONS AND BENEDICTION.

MORNING.

Min. Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

Con. Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to him. Alleluia. Amen.

Min. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

Con. Therefore blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

Min. Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

Con. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Min. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all, evermore. Amen.

CLOSING ASCRIPTIONS AND BENEDICTION.

EVENING.

Min. Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are all thy ways, thou King of saints.

Con. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee.

Min. Salvation to our God, who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Con. Amen. Blessing, and glory, and honor be unto our God for ever and ever.

Min. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us;

Con. Unto Him be glory in the Church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Min. The Lord God Almighty bless, preserve, and keep you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace, now and for ever. Amen.

A SELECTION

FROM THE

PSALMS OF DAVID.

THE FIRST SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 65 *and* 96.)

Introduction of Public Worship.

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

My iniquities are heavy upon me; but thou wilt forgive our transgressions.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts. O, satisfy us with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

By wonderful things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

Who in thy strength makest fast the mountains; being girded with power:

Who stillest the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are awed by thy wonders: thou makest the regions of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered with corn: they shout for joy; they also sing.

O, SING unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name: show forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world shall stand firm, it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice,

Before the Lord; for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SECOND SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 84 *and* 27.)

Introduction of Public Worship.

How lovely are thy dwellings, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Even the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, by thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they are still praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.

Passing through the valley of sorrow they make it full of fountains, and the latter rain covers it with blessings.

They go from strength to strength, till all of them in Zion appear before God.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret place of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me upon a rock.

Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me, put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE THIRD SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 42, 92, 125, *and* 43.)

Public Worship.

As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I have gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy-day.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him; him, my deliverer and my God.

Deep calleth unto deep with the roar of thy cataracts: all thy waves and thy billows have gone over me.

Yet the Lord will command his loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him; him, my deliverer and my God.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High.

To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God;

To show that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth, even for ever.

Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

O, SEND out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, I will praise thee, O God my God.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him; him, my deliverer and my God.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FOURTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 95, 122, *and* 67.)

EXHORTATION TO WORSHIP.

O, COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

O, come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded anew; a city that is at unity in itself;

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, after the custom of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us;

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving help among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

O, let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

For the earth gives her increase; and God, even our own God, blesses us.

God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIFTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 100, 148, *and* 24.)

Invitation to Worship.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

He hath also established them for ever and ever: he hath given them laws, and they transgress them not.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye sea-monsters and all deeps:

Fire, and hail; snow, and vapor; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

Wild beasts, and tame cattle; creeping reptiles, and flying fowl:

Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? and who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not inclined his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SIXTH SELECTION.

(*Psalm* 103.)

Exhortation to bless God.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SEVENTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 26, 50, *and* 138.)

A Morning Prayer.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me: try my thoughts and my heart.

For thy loving-kindness is before mine eyes: and I walk in thy truth.

I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I go to thine altar, O Lord:

To utter the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Lord, I love the house where thou dost abide, and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

My feet tread in a straight path: in the congregation will I bless the Lord.

The mighty God, even the Lord, speaks, and calls the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines.

Our God comes, and does not keep silence: a fire devours before him, and a tempest rages around him.

He calls to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will admonish thee: I am God, even thy God.

I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he-goats out of thy folds.

For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High:

And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth.

In the day when I cried, thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

Though the Lord is high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord will be sufficient for me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: forsake not the work of thine own hands.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE EIGHTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 5 *and* 19.)

A Morning Prayer.

Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

As for me, I will come into thy house in the

multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, make thy way straight before my face.

Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth the work of his hands.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.

There is no sound nor language, and their voice is not heard.

Yet their speech is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. There hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a hero to run a race.

He goeth forth from one end of the heaven, and his circuit is to the other end of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is perfect, giving life unto the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the

heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE NINTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 63, 16, *and* 17.)

An Evening Prayer.

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my heart longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night-watches.

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul followeth after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: I have no happiness but in thee;

The holy that are in the earth, and the excellent, in them is all my delight.

The Lord is my portion and my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my heart also admonishes me in the night seasons.

I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth: my flesh also rests in safety.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave; neither wilt thou suffer thy beloved one to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

HEAR the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of false lips.

Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes see what is right.

Prove my heart; visit me in the night; try me, my thoughts shall not vary from my speech.

Hold up my steps in thy paths, that my feet slip not.

I call upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my words.

Show thy loving-kindness, O Thou that savest

by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee.

Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE TENTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 134, 141, 3, 4, *and* 36.)

An Evening Prayer.

Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

Lord, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not practise wicked works with men that work iniquity.

Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be oil for my head.

Thou, O Lord, art my shield; my deliverer, and the lifter up of mine head.

I cry unto the Lord with my voice, and he heareth me out of his holy hill.

I lay me down and sleep; I awake; for the Lord sustaineth me.

Hear me when I call, O God, my defender: thou hast helped me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

Know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

I will lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

THY mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep.

How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be satisfied with the abundance of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy joys.

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

O, continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE ELEVENTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 145 *and* 66.)

ADORATION.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

To make known to the sons of men thy mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of thy kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

Sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious.

All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; it shall celebrate thy name.

Come and see the works of God: he is wonderful in his doing toward the children of men.

He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O, bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE TWELFTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 51 *and* 32.)

Confession, Penitence, and Pardon.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: so that thou art justified when thou speakest, and upright when thou judgest.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward heart: teach me, therefore, wisdom in my inmost soul.

Purge me with hyssop, until I be clean: wash me, until I be whiter than snow.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely the floods of great waters shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my hiding-place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE THIRTEENTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 25 *and* 130.)

Confession and Supplication.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed.

Let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee do I trust all the day.

Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses: for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him: and he will show them his covenant.

Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

Lighten the sorrows of my heart: O, bring thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

O, keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FOURTEENTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 97 *and* 33.)

The Majesty of God.

The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

His lightnings illumine the world; the earth sees, and trembles.

The hills melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

The word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the nations to naught: he maketh the devices of the kingdoms of none effect.

The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

He fashioneth the hearts of all; he observeth all their works.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth on the Lord: he is our help and our shield.

For our heart rejoices in him; we trust in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIFTEENTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 40 *and* 46.)

Humble Confidence in God.

I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

And hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and resorteth not to men of pride and falsehood.

Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done; many are thy gracious

thoughts toward us; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; so hast thou taught me: burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.

Therefore said I, Lo, I come to do what thy word commands me.

I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh

upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Be still, and know that I am God: I am exalted among the heathen, I am exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SIXTEENTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 61, 62, 69, *and* 70.)

Prayer in Distress.

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

From the end of the earth I cry unto thee, for my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For thou art my shelter, and a strong tower from the enemy.

I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

For thou, O God, wilt hear my vows, and give me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

SAVE me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul.

I will offer my prayer unto thee, O Lord: O God, in the greatness of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

Deliver me, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

Let not the water-flood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the grave shut her mouth upon me.

Hear me, O Lord; for thy loving-kindness is good; turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me from all mine enemies.

For I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward that desire my hurt.

But let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me,

O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no delay.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SEVENTEENTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 71 *and* 55.)

Prayer in Distress.

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be put to shame.

Deliver me in thy goodness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear to me, and save me.

Be thou my strong habitation, where I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth.

By thee have I been holden up ever since I was born; my praise shall be continually of thee.

Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honor all the day.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

For I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for thy mercies are more than I can number.

I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

Also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to those that are to come.

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long.

Give ear to my prayer, O God; hide not thyself from my supplication.

My heart trembleth in my bosom: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

And I think, O that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

But yet I will call upon God: and the Lord shall save me.

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer those who seek him to fall.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE EIGHTEENTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 31 *and* 86)

Trust in God.

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

O, how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou showest to them that trust in thee.

Thou hidest them in the secret of thy presence

from the pride of man; thou shelterest them in thy pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Blessed be the Lord: for he hath showed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

O, love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul; O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplication.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and

worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord: I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

O, turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE NINETEENTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 133, 48, 112, *and* 123.)

Social Worship.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head,

that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

GREAT is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, the city of the great King.

God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.

We remember thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

As thy name, O God, so extends thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide unto death.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

Happy is the man who showeth favor, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

His heart is established, he shall not be afraid.

He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; he shall be exalted with honor.

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE TWENTIETH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 8, 144, *and* 115.)

The Dignity and Frailty of Man.

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! whose glory reaches above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength to silence thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers; the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Yet thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Lord, What is man, that thou art mindful of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

Man is like a vapor: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God?

But our God is in the heavens; he hath done whatsoever he pleased.

The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Ye are blessed of the Lord which made heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence.

But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the Lord.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE TWENTY-FIRST SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 89 *and* 111.)

The Majesty of God.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I know that thy mercy endureth for ever: thy truth shalt thou establish like the very heavens.

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord: thy truth also in the congregation of the holy.

For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord? who among the sons of God can be likened unto the Lord?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the holy, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? and thy faithfulness is round about thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

Thou breakest in pieces the proud; thou scatterest thine enemies with thy strong arm.

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world, and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

The north and the south, thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the foundation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

For thou art the glory of their strength; and in thy favor our heads shall be exalted.

For the Lord is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honorable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath showed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are truth and justice; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE TWENTY-SECOND SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 136, 147, *and* 85.)

Universal Praise.

O, give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O, give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O, give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that made the great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever:

The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever:

The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever.

And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O, give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

PRAISE ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.

Lord, thou hast been favorable unto thy land.

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin.

Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: he will speak peace unto his people, and to his servants: but let them not turn again to evil.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that peace may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, and shall keep her steps in the way.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE TWENTY-THIRD SELECTION.

(*Psalm* 107.)

PUBLIC THANKSGIVING.

O, GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

For he satisfieth the thirsty soul, and filleth the hungry soul with good.

He hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they are quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

O that men would praise the Lord for his good-

ness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water-springs into dry ground;

A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water-springs.

And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 39 *and* 90.)

Frailty of Human Life.

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh like a shadow: surely he disquieteth himself in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

What then, O Lord, is my hope? my hope is in thee.

Deliver me from all my unrighteousness: make me not the reproach of the impious.

I am dumb, I open not my mouth; because thou hast done it.

Remove thy stroke away from me: I perish by the blow of thine hand.

When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou consumest his beauty like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O, spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

LORD, thou hast been our refuge in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest him away as with a flood; he is as a dream; he is like grass which groweth up in the morning.

In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their pride weariness and sorrow; for it swiftly vanisheth, and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return to us, O Lord, and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O, satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 143, 142, *and* 57.)

Prayer for Strength and Comfort.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For my spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the days of old, I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land.

Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me.

Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

I CRY unto the Lord with my voice; with my voice unto the Lord do I make my supplication.

I pour out my complaint before him; I show before him my trouble.

When my spirit is overwhelmed within me, then thou knowest my path.

Refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

I cry unto thee, O Lord: Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low.

Bring my soul out of darkness, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.

He shall send from heaven, and save me: God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

Awake, my soul; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SELECTION.

(*Psalm* 139.)

God's Omnipresence and Omniscience.

O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou seest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For before the word is on my tongue, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in the grave, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unformed; and in thy book was every thing written; my days were appointed when as yet there was none of them.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SELECTION.

(*Psalm* 104.)

God's Providence seen in His Works.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

He covereth himself with light as with a garment: he spreadeth out the heavens like a curtain:

He layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: he maketh the clouds his chariot: he walketh upon the wings of the wind:

He maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

He laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

The mountains rise up; the valleys sink away, in the places which thou hast appointed for them.

Thou hast set a bound that the waters may not pass; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

Thou sendest the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

Near them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

Thou waterest the hills from thy chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

Thou causest the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that thou mayest bring forth food out of the earth:

And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

The trees of the Lord are full of sap: the cedars of Lebanon which he hath planted;

Where the birds make their nests: the stork has the fir-tree for her home.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.

He appointeth the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth when to go down.

Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

This great and wide sea, in it are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships: there is that leviathan, which thou hast made to play therein.

These wait all upon thee, to give them their meat in due season.

Thou givest it to them, they gather it; thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled; thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SELECTION.

(Psalms 23 and 34.)

Guardian Care of God.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

O, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look unto him, and be lightened: and your faces shall not be ashamed.

The poor man cries, and the Lord hears him, and saves him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O, taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O, fear the Lord, ye his servants; for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE TWENTY-NINTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 91 *and* 121.)

Protecting Care of God.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror of the night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Because thou hast made the Lord thy refuge, and the Most High thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, whence cometh thy help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE THIRTIETH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 98, 113, *and* 116.)

Gratitude for Divine Protection.

O, sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the nations.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice and sing praise.

Sing unto the Lord with the voice of a psalm; make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together

Before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,

Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth?

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the ground;

That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of the grave seized upon me; I found trouble and sorrow.

Then called I upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

I will offer to him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE THIRTY-FIRST SELECTION.

(*Psalm* 118.)

Thanks for Divine Mercy.

O, give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them now that fear the Lord say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and delivered me.

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth wonderfully.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:

This is the gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.

I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

O, give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE THIRTY-SECOND SELECTION.

(*From Psalm* 119.)

Desire for Holiness.

Blessed are they whose ways are pure, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his commandments, and that seek him with the whole heart.

Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep thy statutes: O, forsake me not utterly.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O, let me not wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

I have declared my ways, and thou hast heard me: teach me thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight.

Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE THIRTY-THIRD SELECTION.

(Psalms 78, 44, 105, *and* 80.*)*

For a National Anniversary.

Give ear, O my people, to my speech: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

What we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

For he established statutes, and appointed a law, which he commanded our fathers to make known to their children:

That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born: who should declare them to their children:

That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

Marvellous things did he in the sight of our fathers.

He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.

In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths.

He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

He commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

And rained down manna upon them to eat, and gave them of the corn of heaven.

Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

He made his people go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

He led them on safely, so that they feared not.

And he brought them to the sacred border, even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.

He cast out the nations also before them, and di-

vided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes to dwell in their tents.

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what deeds thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

How thou didst drive out the nations with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them, but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favor unto them.

O, give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

When our fathers were but a few in number; yea, very few, and strangers in the land.

When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people;

He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes;

Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

And he brought them forth with joy, and his chosen with gladness:

And gave them the lands of the nations, and they inherited the labor of the people;

That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws.

TURN us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out nations and planted it.

Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.

It sent out its boughs unto the sea, and its branches unto the river.

Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.

So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 30 *and* 77.)

Deliverance from Evil.

I will extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the tomb.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

For his anger endureth but a moment, but his favor for life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

I cry unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; O that he would hear me!

In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord: I

stretch out my hand in the night and cease not: my soul refuses to be comforted.

I remember God, and am troubled: I complain, and my spirit is overwhelmed.

I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times,

I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit makes diligent search.

Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favorable no more?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?

And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is holy: who is so great a God as our God!

Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH SELECTION.

(*Psalms* 68 *and* 18.)

Deliverance from Evil.

Let God arise, and his enemies are scattered: and they that hate him flee before him.

But the righteous are glad; they rejoice before God: yea, they exceedingly rejoice.

Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth through the wilderness; Jehovah is his name; rejoice before him.

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth to prosperity those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a barren land.

O God, when thou didst go forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness;

The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts from men.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and my high tower.

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of destruction made me afraid.

The sorrows of the grave compassed me about: the snares of death overtook me.

In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried

unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

He brought me forth into a large place: he delivered me, because he loved me.

To the merciful thou showest thyself merciful; to an upright man thou showest thyself upright;

To the pure thou showest thyself pure; and to the wrathful thou showest thyself wrathful.

The ways of God are just and true, his word is pure, tried in the fire: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?

It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way plain.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

TE DEUM.

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,

The Father of an infinite majesty;

Thine honorable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Lord;

And Jesus Christ is thy well-beloved Son.

When thou gavest him to deliver man, it pleased thee that he should be born of a virgin.

When he had overcome the sharpness of death, he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

He sitteth at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that he shall come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed through his most precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy name, ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have we trusted; let us never be confounded.

SELECTIONS

FROM

THE PROPHETS.

THE FIRST SELECTION.

HEAR, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats.

When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

Bring no more vain oblations: incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

Wash you, make you clean: put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil:

Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty.

The lofty looks of man shall be humbled and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which he hath made for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

THE SECOND SELECTION.

The Lord standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

The Lord will enter into judgment with the elders of his people, and the chief men thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord God of hosts.

Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!

Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!

And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands.

Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and

their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:

But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords, and sin as it were with a cart-rope:

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil: that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants, which spake in thy name to us.

O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of face as at this day;

O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, because we have sinned against thee.

Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servants and their supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary for the Lord's sake.

O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies.

O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do: defer not, for thine own sake, O our God.

THE THIRD SELECTION.

O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortest me.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his

doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord is everlasting strength:

The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

O Lord our God, other lords besides thee have had dominion over us; but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants, the prophets.

THE FOURTH SELECTION.

Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people; let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our King; he will save us.

O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

Incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear; open thine eyes, O Lord, and see: and hear all our words.

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, and thou wilt take away the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.

Thou wilt swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

Thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.

These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Is-

rael: In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength:

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with you: And this shall be the covenant that I will make with you;

I will put my law in your inward parts, and write it in your hearts; and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

And you shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for you shall all know me, from the least of you unto the greatest of you, saith the Lord: for I will forgive your iniquity, and I will remember your sin no more.

THE FIFTH SELECTION.

Let every one that thirsteth come to the waters, and let him that hath no money come, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in goodness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off?

Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him, saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.

Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death.

THE SIXTH SELECTION.

SING unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands.

I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God besides me: I have strengthened thee, though thou hast not known me. Let them know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none besides me.

I am the Lord, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the Lord have created it.

Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me.

Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done; saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

And I have put my words in thy mouth, and have covered thee in the shadow of my hand.

I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

Thus saith the Lord thy Redeemer, and he that formed thee, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself.

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arms shall they trust.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

But we said, The Lord hath forsaken us, and my Lord hath forgotten us.

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on her own son? yea, she may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

THE SEVENTH SELECTION.

Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old.

O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou our arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory.

Doubtless thou art our Father, though Abraham

be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear;

But our iniquities have separated between us and our God, and our sins have hid his face from us, that he will not hear.

For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities we know them;

In transgressing against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

But now, O Lord, thou art our Father, we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we are all the work of thy hand.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.

I will mention the loving-kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses.

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house

that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest.

For all those things hath my hand made, but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

They shall not hunger nor thirst, neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

THE EIGHTH SELECTION.

Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths.

He shall judge among the nations, and govern the people; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks.

Nation shall not lift up the sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O my people, come, and let us walk in the light of the Lord;

Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever.

And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places.

They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

Moreover, the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days.

Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth into the mountain of the Lord to the Mighty One of Israel.

And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

For the people shall dwell in Zion: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

THE NINTH SELECTION.

THE people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears.

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf, and the young lion, and the fatling, together; and a little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice, even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon: they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with power, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the

tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water:

And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The way of holiness: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

THE TENTH SELECTION.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry?

All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, when the breath of the Lord bloweth over it.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him?

With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and showed to him the way of understanding?

Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, the isles are like flying stubble.

All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

To whom, then, will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers: that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

To whom, then, will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host in order: he calleth them all by names, by the greatness of his might, because he is strong in power:

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? his understanding is unsearchable.

He giveth power to the faint; and to the feeble abundant strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

LITANIES.

FIRST LITANY.

O God, our Heavenly Father, who by thy Son hast redeemed the world, and by thy Holy Spirit dost govern, direct, and sanctify the hearts of thy faithful servants, have mercy upon us, thy children.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, neither take thou vengeance of our sins; spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, we beseech thee, whom thou hast redeemed by the most precious blood of thy Son.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the assaults of temptation; from all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness; deliver thy children, good Lord.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from death unprepared for,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, and rebellion; from all false

doctrine, contention, and division; from hardness of heart; and contempt of thy word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We humbly beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please thee to rule and govern the holy Christian Church, in the right way, and to illuminate all ministers of the Gospel with true knowledge, and understanding of thy word, and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and show it accordingly; and that it may please thee to endue all our rulers and magistrates with grace, wisdom, and understanding, that they may execute justice, and maintain truth; and that it may please thee to bless all schools and seminaries of learning; all instructers of youth, and all means of true knowledge, virtue, and piety;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people, and give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, to hear meekly thy word, to receive it with pure affection, to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, and diligently to live after thy commandments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived; to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to give us victory over all temptations;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to preserve all who travel by land or by water, all sick persons and young children; to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives; to defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men; and to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy word;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lord, grant us thy peace.

Lord have mercy upon us.

O Lord, deal not with us after our sins;

Neither reward us after our iniquities.

SECOND LITANY.

O God, whose nature is ever to have mercy and forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us.

Graciously hear and forgive us, O Lord.

Save us, we beseech thee, from wandering thoughts, low desires, and vain imaginations, and from the waste of our time and the neglect of thy warnings; save us from idle words and corrupt communications, from an impatient and irreverent spirit, from hatred and wrath, from all selfishness, uncharitableness, and deadly sin.

Save us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth, and finally pass the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

Grant this, we beseech thee, O Lord.

Grant unto us to be poor in spirit, that ours may be the kingdom of heaven; give unto us godly sorrow and mourning, that we may be comforted; meekness, that we may inherit the earth; hunger and thirst after righteousness, that we may be filled; grant unto us to be merciful, that we may obtain mercy; to be pure in heart, that we may see God; to be peace-

makers, that we may be called the children of God; and to be patient in all trouble, that our reward may be great in heaven.

Grant this, we beseech thee, O Lord.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, keep and defend us for ever.

O God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry may truly and faithfully serve thee. Give wisdom also to our rulers and magistrates, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way; and grant thy blessing to all schools and teachers, that knowledge, virtue, and piety may increase and be established among us.

Graciously hear us, O Lord God.

Show thy mercy, O Lord, to all men; be a friend to the poor and friendless, and a father to fatherless children; be a guide and defence to all travellers by land and by water; enlighten the ignorant; comfort the afflicted; bless our friends and benefactors, and bless our enemies; and fill the whole world with thy truth, mercy, and love.

Graciously hear us, O Lord God.

Kindly preserve us, O God, from temporal danger and bodily pain; may we temperately enjoy the fruits of the earth in their season; supply our wants according to thy wisdom, and grant that we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.

Geaciously hear us, O Lord God.

Favorably with mercy hear our prayers.

O gracious Father, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be shown upon us;

As we do put trust in thee.

O God, Heavenly Father, from whom all good things do come, we thank thee for life and all its blessings, for religion and all its consolations, hopes, and joys; we thank thee for the life and doctrine, the death, resurrection, and ascension, of thy Son, Jesus Christ; for Christian faith and Christian fellowship. Grant us thy grace, that we may be truly grateful; that we may constantly serve thee on earth, and at last may be found meet to be partakers with the saints in light, through the great mediator and redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THIRD LITANY.

(*From the Epistle to the Romans.*)

O Thou, of whom, and through whom, and to whom are all things, help us with one mind and one

mouth to glorify thee, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O Thou, who art the God of patience and consolation, grant us to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus.

O Thou, who art the God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

May we be full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

May those that are strong bear the infirmities of the weak.

May we follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Save us, we beseech thee, O Heavenly Father, from being conformed to this world, from thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, from being wise in our own conceits, from being overcome of evil, and enable us to overcome evil with good.

Hear us, good Lord.

If we have, at any time, held the truth in unrighteousness, if when we have known God we have not glorified him as God nor been thankful, if we have changed thy truth into a lie, and worshipped the creature more than the Creator;

Forgive us, we beseech thee, O our Father.

If we have not liked to retain thee in our thoughts, if we have despised thy goodness, forbearance, and

long-suffering; if our heart has been impenitent and hard; if we have dishonored thee by breaking thy law;

Forgive us, we beseech thee, O our Father.

If the good which we would, we do not, and the evil which we would not, that we do; if to will is present with us, but how to perform that which we will, we find not; if, when we would do good, evil is present with us; if we find a law in our members warring against the law of our mind and bringing us into captivity to the law of sin in our members;

Help us, we beseech thee, O our Father.

Being justified by faith, may we have peace with thee, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Shed thy love in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

May the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus make us free from the law of sin and death, and make us walk, not after the flesh, but after the spirit; may we not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but the spirit of adoption, whereby we call thee Father;

Being led by thy Spirit, may we become thy children.

May nothing separate us from the love of Christ; neither tribulation, nor distress, nor persecution, nor famine, nor nakedness, nor peril, nor the sword;

In all these, may we be more than conquerors through him who has loved us.

May neither death nor life, nor angels nor powers,

nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any creature, separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.

May nothing separate us from thy love.

May we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in our heart that God has raised him from the dead;

May we believe with our heart unto righteousness, and confess with our mouth unto salvation.

We beseech thee, Heavenly Father, that we may be enabled to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to thee, being transformed by the renewing of our mind.

Whether we live, may we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, may we die unto the Lord.

May our love be without dissimulation; may we abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good; be kindly affectioned one toward another; not slothful in business, fervent in spirit; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessities of our brethren, given to hospitality.

May we rejoice with those that rejoice, and weep with those that weep.

May we render unto all their dues.

May we love our neighbor as ourselves.

May we cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light.

Awaken us, O Lord, from our sleep.

Now unto Him that has power to establish us ac-

cording to the Gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ;

To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ, for ever. Amen.

FOURTH LITANY.

(From the Epistles to the Corinthians and Galatians.)

O THOU, who didst command the light to shine out of darkness, and hast shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, establish us in Christ and anoint us.

Seal us thine, O Lord, and give us the earnest of thy Spirit in our hearts.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation, give us grace and peace.

Confirm us unto the end, that we may be blameless in the day of the Lord Jesus.

O Thou, who wilt bring to light the things of darkness, and make manifest the counsels of the hearts, and whose Spirit searcheth all things, help us to renounce the hidden things of dishonesty, and to speak as of sincerity, as of God, and as in the sight of God.

Take away, Lord, the veil from our hearts, and let the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, the image of God, shine upon us.

May we not walk in craftiness, nor handle the word of God deceitfully; may we judge ourselves, and not be judged; may we keep under our body and bring it into subjection; may we watch, quit us like men, and be strong; and having the spirit of faith, may we believe and therefore speak.

Grant, O Lord, that we faint not; but though our outward man perish, may our inward man be renewed day by day.

May our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look, not at the things seen and temporal, but at the things not seen, but eternal.

Reveal to us, O Lord, by thy Spirit, what eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived.

May we be enriched by thee with all utterance, and with all knowledge; may we be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment: may we be perfect, may we be of good comfort, may we live in peace;

May the God of love and peace be with us.

Help us to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and not be entangled again with any yoke of bondage; knowing that the kingdom of God is not meat nor drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

May we be zealously affected always for that which is good.

Help us to show the fruits of the spirit; love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

If we live in the spirit, may we also walk in the spirit.

As we have opportunity, help us to do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith; to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ; to crucify the flesh, with its affections and lusts; to sow to the spirit, and of the spirit to reap life everlasting; and not to be weary in well-doing, believing that we shall in due season reap, if we faint not.

FIFTH LITANY.

(*From the Epistle to the Ephesians.*)

O Thou, who art the one God and Father of all; who art above all, and through all, and in us all; who hast adopted us as children in Jesus Christ, thy Son, in whom we have redemption, even the forgiveness of our sins; quicken us, we beseech thee, who have been dead in trespasses and sins.

O Thou, who art rich in mercy, for the sake of thy great love wherewith thou hast loved us, make us alive in Christ.

O God, our Father, the Father of glory, we pray thee to give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation

in the knowledge of thyself, that we may know the hope of thy calling, and the riches of thine inheritance, and the greatness of thy power, which thou hast wrought in Christ, when thou didst raise him from the dead and make him sit at thine own right hand in heavenly places.

We pray thee, to raise us up also, and make us sit in heavenly places with him.

O Thou, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us to be strengthened with might by thy Spirit inwardly; that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; that, being rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to understand the breadth and length, and depth and height of the love of Christ, and be filled with all the fulness of God.

Help us, Heavenly Father, to come in the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, to the stature of a perfect man, to the measure of the fulness of Christ.

Help us to walk, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace; to put away all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and evil-speaking, with all malice.

May we be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, in Christ, hath forgiven us.

May we be followers of thee, as dear children, and walk in love, as Christ has loved us; redeeming the time; having the fruit of the spirit in all good-

ness and righteousness and truth; speaking to ourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in our hearts unto the Lord.

May we give thanks, always, for all things, unto God our Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Help us to be strong in thee and in the power of thy might; to put on thy whole armor, that we may be able to stand in the evil day; girt about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness, our feet shod with the Gospel of peace, taking the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit.

Help us to pray always, with all prayer and supplication, in the spirit, and watch thereunto with all supplication and perseverance.

May peace be to all the brethren, and love, with faith, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

SIXTH LITANY.

(*From several of the Epistles of Paul.*)

O God, our Heavenly Father, who hast loved us, and hast given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, we beseech thee to comfort our hearts and to establish us in every good word and work.

Hear us, O God, and direct our hearts into thy love and into the patient waiting of Christ.

O God, our Saviour, who wilt have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth; and hast manifested thyself to us, by the appearing of Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel, we beseech thee to hear us.

Give to us, O God, the spirit, not of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

O Thou, who art the blessed and only potentate; the King of kings and Lord of lords; who only hast immortality; dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen nor can see; to thee be honor and power everlasting.

We give thee thanks, O our Father, who hast made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

Thou hast delivered us from the power of darkness, and hast translated us into the kingdom of thy dear Son, in whom we have redemption, even the forgiveness of our sins.

May we therefore fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life, following after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and meekness.

We pray thee to forgive us, O God, if we have set our affections upon things below, instead of things above; if, professing to know thee, we have denied thee by our works; if through the love of money we have fallen into temptation and a snare; if we have

indulged those passions which war against the soul; or if we have done any thing through strife or vainglory.

Forgive us, we beseech thee, these and all our sins.

May we work out our salvation with fear and trembling, not counting ourselves to have attained; may we forget the things which are behind, and reach forth unto those which are before; approving the things which are excellent, being sincere and without offence, filled with the fruits of righteousness, and doing all things without murmuring or disputing.

Grant that our conversation be as becometh the Gospel of Christ, and may the peace of God rule in our hearts.

May we watch and be sober; may we put on charity, which is the perfect bond; may we comfort one another, and edify one another; not returning evil for evil, but following ever that which is good; may we rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, and in every thing give thanks; may we prove all things, hold fast that which is good, and abstain from all appearance of evil.

O God of peace, we pray thee to sanctify us wholly.

O God, if thou hast not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, preserve our spirit, soul, and body blameless unto his coming; and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all, for ever and ever. Amen.

SEVENTH LITANY.

(*From the Epistles of James and John.*)

O God, the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning; from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift; we ask of thee wisdom, who givest to all men liberally.

We would ask, O God, in faith, nothing wavering; believing that, if we draw nigh to thee, thou wilt draw nigh to us.

O Almighty God, who canst not be tempted with evil, neither canst tempt any man; we confess that we are drawn away by our own lusts and enticed; but we beseech thee, O our Father, who art very pitiful and of tender mercy, who dost resist the proud, but givest grace to the humble, to hear the prayer of faith and raise us up.

If we have committed sins, may they be forgiven us; if we have known to do good and done it not; if we have been hearers of the word, and not doers also, deceiving our own selves; forgive us, O God, and save us.

May we not have the faith of Jesus Christ with respect of persons; may we not despise the poor; may we not have faith without works, but show our faith by our works; and, laying aside all that is impure, receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save our souls.

Help us to look into the perfect law of liberty, and continue therein, and so to receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to them that love him.

Give us, Lord, the wisdom from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

O Thou, who art light, and in whom is no darkness at all, may we walk in the light, and have fellowship with thee.

O Thou, who art love; may we dwell in love, and so dwell in thee; may our love be made perfect, and be free from all fear; may we be born of God, and overcome the world; may we keep thy commandments, and love thy children.

O God, grant that we love thee, not in word and tongue, but in deed and truth, and hereby know that we are of the truth, and assure our hearts before thee.

May we not love the world, nor the things which are in the world; may we remember that the world passes away, with all that is in it; and that if we love the world, the love of the Father is not in us.

Grant these our prayers, Heavenly Father, we beseech thee, for thine infinite mercies' sake, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

EIGHTH LITANY.

(*From the Epistles of Peter.*)

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ;

To an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us.

O God, our Father, who hast redeemed us by the precious blood of Christ, and taught us to be holy as thou art holy: and who, without respect of persons, judgeth every man's work;

Help us, we pray thee, to pass the time of our sojourning here in fear.

O God, the Father of Jesus Christ, whom, though not having seen, we love; in whom, though now we see him not, believing, we rejoice; who was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times; make us, like him, holy in all manner of conversation.

Purify our souls in obeying the truth, through the spirit, unto unfeigned love of the brethren; and may we love one another with pure hearts fervently.

O Thou, whose eyes are over the righteous, and whose ears are open to their prayers, but whose face is against them that do evil, make us all of one mind, having compassion one of another, loving as brethren,

not rendering evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but contrariwise, blessing.

Adorn us with the hidden man of the heart, with that which is not corruptible, with the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit.

Add to our faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity.

May we all become a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God, and to show forth the praises of him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

May we follow him who has suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow in his steps, and being dead to sin should live to righteousness; when reviled, may we not revile again, but by well-doing put to silence the ignorance of foolish men; may we refrain our tongue from evil, and our lips that they speak no guile; may we sanctify the Lord God in our hearts, so that all may be ashamed who falsely accuse our good conversation in Christ.

Grant, O Lord, that, if it be thy will, we may suffer for well-doing, rather than for evil-doing.

May the time past of our lives suffice us to have disobeyed thee; for the time to come may we be sober and watch unto prayer; may we have fervent charity among ourselves; that God may in all things

be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever.

May the God of all grace, who hath called us to his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that we have suffered for a while, make us perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle us, and to him be glory and dominion for ever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS.

And Jesus took a child and set him in the midst; and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children, in my name, receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but Him that sent me.

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them; but when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as a little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

My friends: —

You have brought this child here to be baptized.

I ask, therefore,

Do you give this child to God, to Christ, and to the Church, that he may be God's child for ever; and by this baptismal water, the ancient symbol of purity, do you express your desire that he should grow up amid the purifying influences of the Gospel, and come to Jesus through the medium of all Christian institutions and influences?

Answer. We do.

Will you instruct him in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and exhort him to keep God's holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of his life?

Answer. We will.

The child shall then be baptized, the Minister saying,—

I baptize thee into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

A prayer and hymn may follow, or precede, this service.

BAPTISM OF A CHILD. S. M.

To thee, O God in heaven,
This little one we bring,
Giving to thee what thou hast given,
Our dearest offering.

Into a world of toil
These little feet will roam,

Where sin its purity may soil,
  Where care and grief may come.

  O, then, let thy pure love,
  With influence serene,
Come down, like water, from above,
  To comfort and make clean.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN. S. M.

  To Him who children blessed,
  And suffered them to come,
To Him who took them to his breast.
  We bring these children home.

  To thee, O God, whose face
  Their spirits still behold,
We bring them, praying that thy grace
  May keep, thine arms enfold.

  And as this water falls
  On each unconscious brow,
Thy holy spirit grant, O Lord,
  To keep them pure as now.

THE BAPTISM OF ADULTS.

Jesus said, Go, and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo! I am with you always, unto the end of the world.

Then Peter said, Repent and be baptized every one of you for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, as many as the Lord our God shall call.

The baptism which saveth us is not the putting away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God.

My friend and brother: —

You present yourself here, wishing to profess your faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, and to unite with this Christian church.

I ask, therefore,

Do you trust in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God?

And is it your heart's desire and fervent wish to become a faithful disciple of our Lord and Saviour?

The person to be baptized having answered these questions in the affirmative, the Minister shall then baptize him by immersion or sprinkling, saying,—

I baptize thee into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

If the person baptized is to join the church, the Minister shall then say, the congregation rising,—

We then receive you gladly into our number; we welcome you to the communion of Christian hearts; we earnestly desire to sympathize with you, and will endeavor to watch over and support you, in the trials of life and the work of duty. And we engage to unite with you in the diligent use of all Christian ordinances, and to yield obedience to all truth which shall be made known to us as our duty, the Lord assisting us by his spirit and grace. And may God our Father grant that this union, formed on earth, may be continued in heaven, and fit us for the fellowship of the saints in light. Amen.

A prayer and hymn may follow this service.

NOTE.—This service, omitting the baptismal form, may also be used for admitting members into the church.

MATRIMONY.

When the parties to be married and their friends are assembled, the Minister shall say,—

My friends,—We are met together, in the sight of God and of these brethren, to join this man and this woman in marriage,—which is a union appointed by God when he created man male and female, saying, It is not good for the man to be alone; laying its foundation deep in mutual adaptations of mind, heart, and character. It is a union hallowed by Jesus, not only by his presence and first miracle at Cana, but also by the constant influence of his religion, which purifies, elevates, and increases all its joys.

And therefore, since the Gospel makes the earthly union the means of a heavenly one, since it changes the water of life into wine, and makes the temporal tie the means of an eternal growth, progress, and joy, let us pray together for these our friends, asking that Christ may again be present as a guest at this marriage, and that they may be made by him meet helpers to each other in all things.

The Minister may then pray; and afterwards he shall cause the man to take the right hand of the woman in his own right hand. Then shall the Minister say to the man,—

Wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, in sorrow and in joy; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The man shall answer,—

I will.

Then shall the Minister say to the woman,—

Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, in sorrow and in joy; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The woman shall answer,—

I will.

The Minister shall then offer a prayer, and afterward say,—

Forasmuch as ——— and ——— have consented together in marriage, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, declaring their purpose by joining of hands,—I pronounce them to be man and wife; and whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

He shall then add this blessing: —

And now may the Lord God Almighty bless, preserve, and keep you. The Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and give you peace, now and for ever. Amen.

The following hymn may be sung by the friends before the benediction: —

MARRIAGE HYMN. L. M.

(*Altered from the "Book of Hymns."*)

For this new tie we bless thee, Lord!
To these dear friends in mercy given;
For hearts, thus joined in one accord,
New bliss for earth, new hope for heaven.

Whene'er they tread on danger's height,
Or walk temptation's slippery way,
Be still, to lead their souls aright,
Thy word their guide, thine arm their stay!

Be theirs thy blessed presence still,
United hearts, unchanging love,
No thought that contradicts thy will,
No wish that centres not above!

And since they must be parted here,
Support them when the hour shall come,
Dry gently thou the mourner's tear,
Rejoin them in their heavenly home.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.*

Introductory Sentences.

Christ, our passover, is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only

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* We strongly recommend, that, instead of the more usual practice of administering the Lord's Supper at the close of the morning's service, a special meeting be held for this purpose on Sunday afternoon, wherever it be practicable. This custom, which has been adopted by some of our churches, has been found to possess several advantages. The mind is not fatigued by a previous service; there is no necessity for hurrying through the service for want of time; and, as those only are present who either intend to commune or to remain as sympathizing witnesses, the disagreeable sight of a retreating congregation is avoided. We may also be allowed to recommend, from our own experience, that the hymns be sung by the communicants themselves, and not by a choir; and that the communicants take their places together, near the table. If the Communion be thus made an occasion by itself, this service will probably not be found too long; otherwise, a part may be omitted, at the discretion of the Minister.

begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, — no one cometh to the Father but by him.

He is the Door, — by him if any man enter in, he shall be saved; and go in and out and find pasture.

He is the good Shepherd, — the good Shepherd giveth his life for his sheep.

He is the true Vine, and his Father is the husbandman. Let us abide in him, and he is in us. We cannot bear fruit of ourselves, except we abide in the vine. If we abide in him, and his words abide in us, we shall ask what we will, and it shall be done unto us.

Let us keep his commandments, and continue in his love, that his joy may remain in us, and that our joy may be full.

Let us watch and be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God hath not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, — who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep we should live together with him.

Which hope we have as an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which holdeth by that within the veil; whither our forerunner has gone in for us, even Jesus;

Who, because he continueth for ever, hath an everlasting priesthood, and is able to save to the utter-

most those who come to God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for us.

Such a High-Priest we needed; holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens.

For we have not a High-Priest who cannot be touched with a feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like ourselves, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

The Communicants may then sing the following hymn, or any other which may be selected.

8s. and 7s. M.

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed!
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead!

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us the token
That by thy grace our souls are fed.

Then may follow an address, at the discretion of the Minister; after which he shall read the following verses from 1 *Cor.* xi. 23–29:—

For I have received of the Lord, that which also I delivered unto you. That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread:

and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, TAKE, EAT: THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU: THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD: THIS DO YE, AS OFT AS YE DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.—But let a man examine himself, and so eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

LITANY.

Minister. Let us bow our knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; that He would grant us, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fulness of God.

People. We thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that in Christ Jesus we who were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ; that through him we have access by the Spirit to thee, our Fa-

ther; that we are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

Minister. We thank thee, that we are builded together for a habitation of God, through the Spirit, on Jesus Christ himself, the chief corner-stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord.

People. We do not come to this thy table trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercy. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table, but we come confiding in thy forgiving goodness and in thy reconciling love.

Minister. Help us, therefore, to examine ourselves, and to humble ourselves before thee; confessing our sins; and laying down our transgressions before thy footstool.

People. Yet let us draw near with a true heart, with full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and having strength in our souls to give ourselves wholly to thee.

Minister. For this is the new covenant which God makes with us by Jesus Christ. He puts his law into our hearts, and writes it in our minds, and remembers our sins no more. Let us, therefore, brethren, have boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, — looking unto him, the author and finisher of our faith, — lifting up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees. For we have not come to the mount which

burned with fire; nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest;

People. But we have come unto Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, to God the Judge of all, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant.

Minister. Wherefore, we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and godly fear.

The Communicants may then sing again, the following hymn, or any other which may be selected.

7s. M.

Bread of Heaven, on thee we feed,
For thy flesh is meat indeed:
Ever let our souls be fed
With this true and living bread.

Vine of Heaven, thy blood supplies
This blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,
To thy cross we look and live.

Day by day with strength supplied
Through the life of him who died,
Lord of life! O, let us be
Rooted, grafted, built, on thee!

Or, omitting the hymn, the Minister may proceed at once to read as follows: —

Ye, who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commands of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy way, draw near with faith, and take this holy ordinance to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling on your knees.

General Confession, to be made by Minister and People together: —

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and lament our manifold sins, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty; against our Master Jesus Christ, against our own souls, and against our brethren. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for all these sins of action and omission. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us. The burden is greater than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. In the name of thy Son Jesus Christ we beseech thee to forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Minister may read some of these verses:—

Hear what words of comfort our Saviour says to all who desire his help.

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

The bread of God is he that cometh down from heaven, and giveth life to the world.

I am the living bread, which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever.

Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Then may follow this prayer:—

Heavenly Father, we pray thee to fill this church with holy awe, while we seal the vows of a new obedience. May we examine ourselves, and so eat of this bread and drink of this cup. May we remember that to come together in one place, without coming together in one faith, hope, and love, is not to eat the Lord's Supper. Bless, then, this bread and wine,—that the bread, symbol of strength, may be the occasion and means, while we partake it together, of our receiving a common strength in our souls,—that the wine, symbol of joy, may be the means, when we receive it, of entering anew into thy reconciling love and peace. May our minds be fed with the knowledge of Jesus Christ; may his action and suffering, his life and death, his holy virtue and divine patience, his body and his blood, enter into us, and become a part of our own lives. So may the cup of blessing which we bless be to us the communion of the blood of Christ; and the bread which we break be the communion of the body of Christ. So likewise may we become the body of Christ, and members one of another. May we, being many, be one bread and one body, partaking all of that one bread. In this hour may nothing separate us, but may we all be one,—as thou, Father, art in Christ, and he in thee, that we also may be one,—thou in him, and he in us. So may we be perfectly at one with thee our God, with our Saviour, and with each other, according to his holy

prayer; which we offer anew in his spirit and in his name. Amen.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

Minister. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God;

Minister and People together.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord, most high. Amen.

Then the Minister shall read as follows:—

As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is my body. And he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

He may then offer an extempore prayer. After which he may break and distribute the bread, and

hand the cup to the People. And in handing the bread he may say,—

Take and eat this in remembrance of Christ.

And when he hands the cup, he may say,—

Drink this in remembrance of Christ.

When all have received the Communion, a hymn may be sung, and at the close the following anthem may be said by the Minister and People:—

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good-will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we give thanks to thee, for the various manifestations of thy great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

We bless thee for sending thy beloved Son into the world to save sinners; for exalting him unto thy right hand in heaven; for all the gifts and graces of thy holy spirit; and for the hope of eternal life.

For thou only art wise and holy and good; thou only art the Lord; thou only dost govern all things, both in heaven and earth. Therefore, blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto thee, who sittest upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction.

And now may the Lord God Almighty bless, preserve, and keep you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace, now and for ever. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICES

AT THE

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

The services may be introduced by singing a hymn.

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for he chastens us not for his pleasure, but for our profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness to those who are exercised thereby.

It is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting; for the heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, and by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

Man, that is born of woman, is of a few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. For what is our life? It is even as a vapor, which appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

Here may follow an address or remarks.

Passages from the 39th and 90th Psalms.

PSALM XXXIX.

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly, my hope is even in thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears;

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O, spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

PSALM XC.

LORD, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them, they are even as a dream, and fade away suddenly like the grass;

In the morning it is green, and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labor and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whoso liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, who hath given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us. For eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

We know in part, and we prophesy in part; but when that which is perfect shall come, then that which is in part shall be done away. Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then, face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Even so, saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor pain: for the former things are passed away.

Then shall follow an extempore prayer.

The following may be read at the grave.

I WOULD not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope; for if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

We must work the work of him that sent us while it is day; the night cometh, in which no man can work.

There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary are at rest.

If our earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. We are willing, therefore, to be absent from the body and present with the Lord; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So

also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

A prayer and a hymn may be added here.

The peace of God, and the comfort of the Holy Ghost, be with your spirits. Amen.

SENTENCES

WHICH MAY BE READ WHILE A COLLECTION FOR THE POOR IS TAKEN UP.

LET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them; for this is the law and the prophets.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

He that soweth little shall reap little; and he that soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart; not grudgingly nor of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

While we have time let us do good unto all men, and specially unto those that are of the household of faith.

Godliness is great riches, if a man be content with that he hath: for we brought nothing into the world, neither may we carry any thing out.

Charge those who are rich in this world, that they be ready to give, and glad to distribute: laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may attain eternal life.

God is not unrighteous, that he will forget your works and labor that proceedeth of love; which love ye have showed for his name's sake, who have ministered unto the saints, and yet do minister.

To do good, and to communicate, forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

Give alms of thy goods, and never turn thy face from any poor man; and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

Be merciful after thy power: if thou hast much, give plenteously: if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity.

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and look, what he layeth out, it shall be paid him again.

Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS AND COLLECTS.*

Confession of Sin.

O Almighty God, and most merciful Father, unto whom all hearts are open, and from whom no secrets are hid; with simplicity and godly sincerity would we seek thee, confessing our unthankfulness, and our manifold offences. We deplore the sins which we have at any time committed, in thought or affection, in word or deed, against each other and against thee. And we humbly beseech thee, through thy mercy declared unto us by thy Son Jesus Christ, to look graciously upon us, and forgive us, and assist us to lay aside every weight, and the sins which so easily beset us; to mortify our evil and corrupt affections, and to subdue every thought and desire to the obedience of the Gospel. May we be convinced, O God, that till we know thee, we know nothing aright; that without thee, we have nothing of any worth; and in wandering from thee, we leave all that is truly good. Let us cast ourselves into the

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arms of thy mercy, and offer thee our whole being, our bodies and our souls, that they may be thy temple for ever. And wilt thou take us, O Lord, entirely into thy hands, with all that we have, and let nothing henceforward, either in life or death, ever separate us from thee any more. Amen.

Prayer for Aid against Peril.

O thou great Author of our being, who knowest all our wants, and who alone art able to supply them; who perceivest all the dangers and evils to which we are exposed, and who alone canst defend us; whither shall we go but unto thee! We pray thee to compassionate our weakness, to guard us in peril, to direct us in doubt, and to save us from falling into sin. In every exposure may thy shield be over us. From the evil that is around and within us, graciously deliver us. Make the path of duty plain before us, and keep us in it even unto the end.

Heavenly Father, we beseech thee to watch over us this night, and preserve us from all harm. In the night of affliction and trouble may we look up unto thee, and be comforted with the assurance that thou wilt hereafter wipe away all tears from our eyes. And when we come to the dark valley of the shadow of death, be thou our guide and comforter, and bring us to the regions of endless day.

O God, we commit ourselves entirely to thy disposal; and whether we enjoy, or suffer, or live, or

die, may we be mercifully accepted as thy children, and disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS.

O THOU who art our Creator, Preserver, Governor, and Judge, we beseech thee to regard with thy favor all thy creatures, and to show thy mercy on all orders and conditions of men. Bless, we pray thee, all our rulers; all those whose duty it is to administer justice; all who are in places of authority and trust. May our land be ever favored of the Most High God; the abode of freedom, religion, virtue, truth, and peace. Let thy mercy descend upon thy whole Church; purify it by thy spirit, and preserve it against all temptations and enemies; that, offering to thee the never-ceasing sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, it may advance thy honor, and be filled with thy grace, and partake of thy glory. Bless all its ministers, and clothe them with righteousness. Bless the means of education, and the instructors of youth. Enlighten the ignorant; convert the unbelieving; relieve and comfort all the persecuted and afflicted; speak peace to troubled consciences; strengthen the weak; confirm the strong; deliver the oppressed from him who spoileth him, and succor the needy who hath no helper. Redeem man, O God, from slavery, superstition, and crime; send light, liberty, and peace over the whole earth; and let the sun of righteousness arise upon all nations, with healing in his beams.

Hear our supplications, which we humbly address to thee in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who ever liveth to make intercession for us, and through whom we render unto thee all honor and glory for ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING.

O LORD, merciful and gracious, we, thy dependent offspring, would now humbly and sincerely thank thee, because thou hast given us life, and by thy bountiful providence hast always nourished, directed, and governed us. For our reason, education, and religion; for all the gifts of nature, and of grace; for our Saviour, Christ; for our redemption, and instruction in the truth; for thy repeated calls to us; for all the patience which has waited for us, and all the mercy which has spared us; for all the enjoyments of this present life, and for all thy promises, and all our hopes of a better life to come, we bless and magnify thy holy name. And grant, O Lord, that thy mercies may be followed by our obedience; and that we may so walk in the light of thy favor, and in the paths of thy commandments, that, living here to thy praise, we may at last be received to thyself, to rejoice for ever in thy presence; which we ask in the name, and as disciples, of him who died that we might live, through whom to thee be ascribed all thanksgiving and praise, both now and for ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayer.

Eternal and all-seeing God, we thy creatures sink into nothing before thy supreme majesty; we feel our weakness; we acknowledge our folly; we repeatedly bewail our sins; thee only we adore with awful veneration; thee we thank with fervent zeal; to thy power we humbly submit; of thy goodness we devoutly implore protection; on thy wisdom we firmly and cheerfully rely. Whenever we address thee, O Father, if our prayers are unwise, wilt thou pity us; if they are presumptuous, wilt thou pardon us; if acceptable to thee, grant them, all-powerful God; and as we now express our submission to thy decrees, adore thy providence, and bless thy dispensations, so, in that future state to which we reverently hope thy goodness will raise us, may we continue praising, venerating, worshipping thee, more and more, through worlds without number, and ages without end. Amen.

O God, the eternal source of wisdom and purity, from whom all good counsels, all holy desires, and all just works do proceed; we offer up our humble prayers unto thee, beseeching thee to enlighten our minds and sanctify our hearts by thy heavenly truth. What we know not, teach thou us; whatever is amiss in us, dispose us to reform; whatever in us is good, assist us to carry forwards to perfection; which we

ask in the name and as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSIST us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that, in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, the Father of light and of wisdom; may our minds be enlightened with useful knowledge; and may the truths of religion sink deep into our hearts, and influence all our actions. From a stead-

fast faith in thy perfections, may we maintain a constant regard to thine administration; submit with cheerfulness to thine appointments; live in thy fear, and order our whole conversation as in thy sight. Under the influence of our holy religion, may we purify our minds from all vicious affections, abstain from every appearance of evil, and abound in all the fruits of righteousness. May the expectation of a happy immortality sustain our virtue in the midst of the most powerful temptations, and establish our souls in peace and joy; for the sake of thine infinite mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the Author of nature, the Source of all power, wisdom, and happiness, whose energy sustains, whose presence animates, and whose gracious influence blesses the universe; assist us, we beseech thee, to form worthy apprehensions of thy nature and character, and, as far as our faculties will permit, to become acquainted with thy perfections and providence. And let our conceptions of thee produce in us the sentiments of veneration, gratitude, and submission, and lead us to a diligent imitation of thy moral perfections, and a constant obedience to thy laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE END.

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